

District Data

Selected economic indicators of banking,
agricultural and business conditions in
the Eighth Federal Reserve District

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Commercial Bank Performance Ratios U.S., District and State

	All U.S.	U.S. <\$15B ¹	District	AR	IL	IN	KY	MS	MO	TN
Return on Average Assets (Annualized)										
4th quarter 1996	1.25%	1.35%	1.33%	1.32%	1.06%	1.30%	1.28%	1.46%	1.38%	1.43%
3rd quarter 1996	1.24	1.33	1.31	1.35	1.03	1.29	1.26	1.50	1.32	1.45
4th quarter 1995	1.20	1.33	1.28	1.23	1.15	1.26	1.15	1.41	1.34	1.48
Return on Average Equity (Annualized)										
4th quarter 1996	15.29%	15.02%	15.06%	13.81%	10.53%	14.42%	14.62%	15.23%	16.77%	17.33%
3rd quarter 1996	15.25	14.69	14.81	14.11	10.22	14.25	14.37	15.64	15.90	17.34
4th quarter 1995	15.00	15.04	14.64	13.12	11.34	13.72	13.24	15.23	16.24	18.07
Net Interest Margin (Annualized)										
4th quarter 1996	4.37%	4.85%	4.47%	4.51%	4.26%	4.47%	4.50%	5.03%	4.24%	4.80%
3rd quarter 1996	4.38	4.81	4.39	4.51	4.23	4.41	4.53	4.97	4.15	4.41
4th quarter 1995	4.25	4.84	4.37	4.22	4.47	4.54	4.25	5.07	4.33	4.35
Nonperforming Loans² ÷ Total Loans										
4th quarter 1996	1.04%	1.10%	1.33%*	0.85%	1.05%	0.62%	0.68%	0.61%	0.73%	4.37%*
3rd quarter 1996	1.10	1.11	0.78	0.81	1.15	0.71	0.74	0.73	0.72	0.77
4th quarter 1995	1.16	1.07	0.79	0.75	0.91	0.67	0.81	0.64	0.84	0.73
Net Loan Losses ÷ Average Total Loans (Annualized)										
4th quarter 1996	0.59%	0.73%	0.35%	0.24%	0.47%	0.29%	0.37%	0.33%	0.30%	0.50%
3rd quarter 1996	0.57	0.71	0.31	0.20	0.39	0.23	0.39	0.29	0.27	0.40
4th quarter 1995	0.50	0.59	0.27	0.17	0.43	0.20	0.34	0.32	0.19	0.33
Loan Loss Reserve ÷ Total Loans										
4th quarter 1996	1.90%	1.81%	1.48%	1.37%	1.51%	1.30%	1.49%	1.48%	1.57%	1.44%
3rd quarter 1996	1.96	1.84	1.51	1.34	1.56	1.35	1.51	1.54	1.62	1.50
4th quarter 1995	2.03	1.89	1.54	1.34	1.58	1.40	1.53	1.61	1.66	1.52

* Most of the increase in District nonperforming loans is associated with the acquisition by Union Planters National Bank in Tennessee of Leader Federal, a Memphis thrift that specialized in holding high-rate, nonperforming residential mortgages.

¹ U.S. banks with average assets of less than \$15 billion are shown separately to make comparisons with District banks more meaningful, as there are no District banks with average assets greater than \$15 billion.

² Includes loans 90 days or more past due and nonaccrual loans

Note: Data include only that portion of the state within Eighth District boundaries.

SOURCE: FFIEC Reports of Condition and Income for all Insured U.S. Commercial Banks

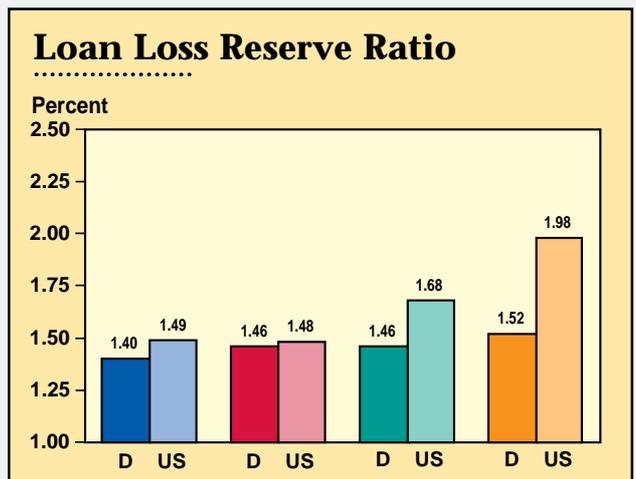
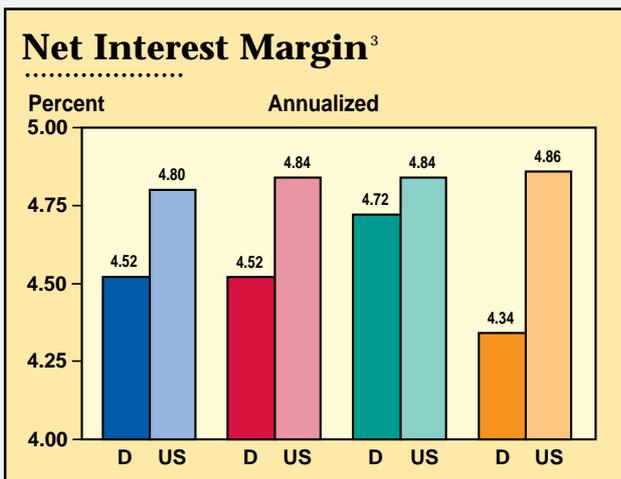
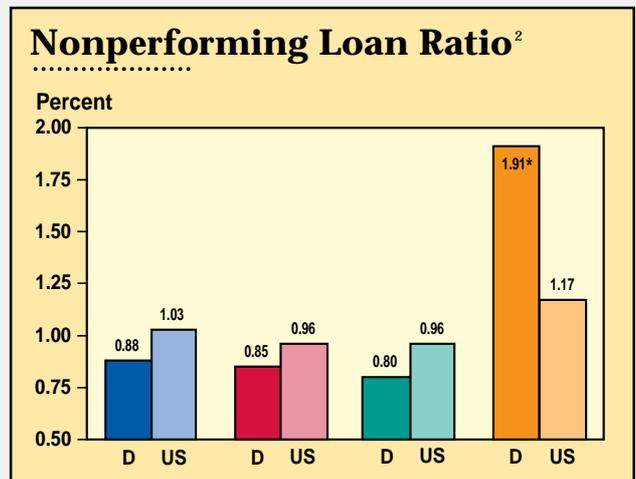
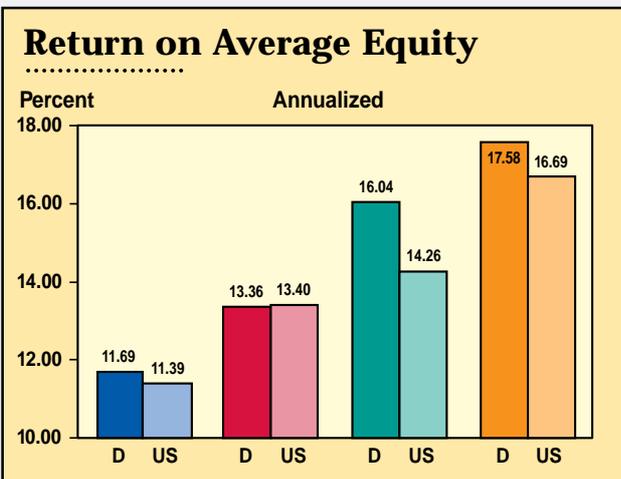
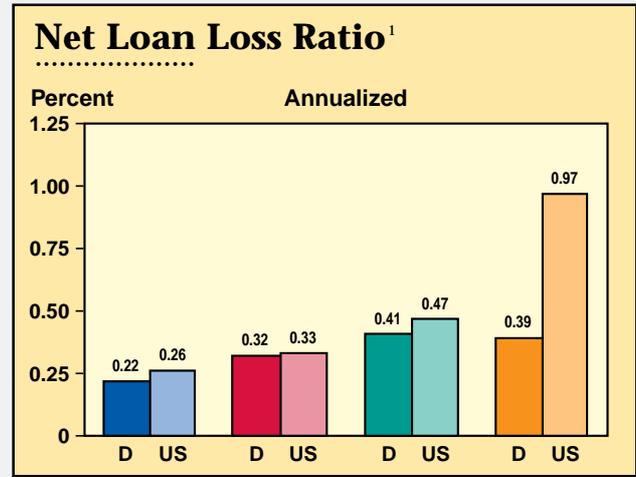
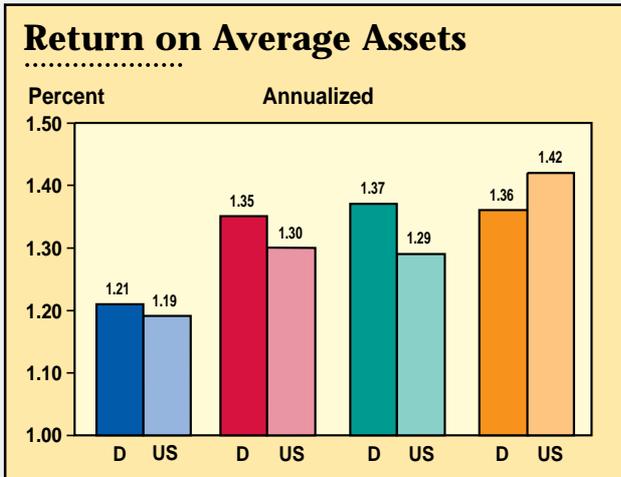
Commercial Bank Performance Ratios

by Asset Size

4th Quarter 1996

Earnings

Asset Quality



D = District
US = United States

< \$100 Million

\$100 Million - \$300 Million

\$300 Million - \$1 Billion

\$1 Billion - \$15 Billion

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¹ Loan losses are adjusted for recoveries.

² Includes loans 90 days or more past due and nonaccrual loans

³ Interest income less interest expense as a percent of average earning assets

Note: Asset quality ratios are calculated as a percent of total loans.

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Agricultural Bank Performance Ratios

	U.S.	AR	IL	IN	KY	MS	MO	TN
Return on average assets (annualized)								
4th quarter 1996	1.22%	1.35%	1.19%	1.11%	1.42%	1.36%	1.23%	1.17%
3rd quarter 1996	1.30	1.44	1.25	1.31	1.49	1.66	1.33	1.40
4th quarter 1995	1.22	1.25	1.24	1.26	1.45	1.44	1.26	1.13
Return on average equity (annualized)								
4th quarter 1996	11.92%	12.58%	10.88%	10.91%	13.60%	13.87%	11.83%	10.98%
3rd quarter 1996	12.68	13.34	11.43	14.08	14.37	18.06	12.91	13.27
4th quarter 1995	11.78	11.54	11.35	12.91	14.33	15.05	12.10	10.62
Net interest margin (annualized)								
4th quarter 1996	4.54%	4.41%	4.17%	4.54%	4.62%	5.10%	4.57%	4.49%
3rd quarter 1996	4.54	4.40	4.14	4.55	4.62	5.32	4.52	4.55
4th quarter 1995	4.59	4.35	4.32	4.68	4.62	5.33	4.53	4.30
Ag loan losses ÷ average ag loans (annualized)								
4th quarter 1996	0.31%	0.09%	0.12%	-0.20%	0.26%	0.77%	0.38%	0.25%
3rd quarter 1996	0.29	0.07	0.14	0.12	0.24	0.79	0.32	0.23
4th quarter 1995	0.25	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.17	0.50	0.05	0.05
Ag nonperforming loans¹ ÷ total ag loans								
4th quarter 1996	1.46%	0.85%	0.67%	1.84%	1.75%	2.54%	1.50%	0.00%
3rd quarter 1996	1.63	0.54	1.09	2.22	1.26	1.87	0.85	0.04
4th quarter 1995	1.28	0.41	0.74	1.77	1.40	1.53	1.08	0.86

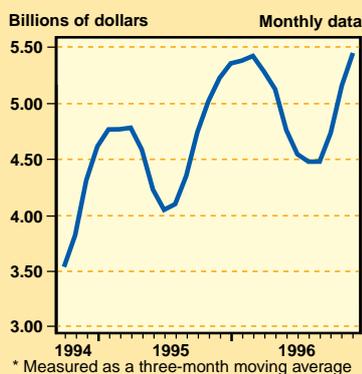
¹ Includes loans 90 days or more past due and nonaccrual loans

Note: Agricultural banks are defined as those banks with a greater than average share of agricultural loans to total loans.

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U.S. Agricultural Exports*



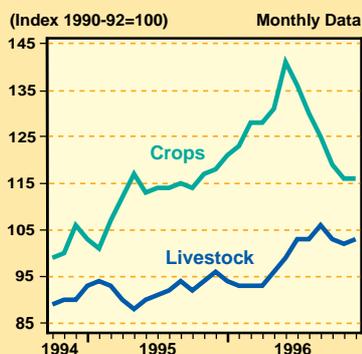
U.S. Agricultural Exports by Commodity

Dollar amounts in billions

Commodity	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year-to-date	Change from year ago
Livestock & products	.95	.93	.87	10.83%	3.0%
Corn	.58	.86	.66	8.40	15.1
Cotton	.11	.23	.35	2.74	-26.2
Rice	.09	.09	.13	1.03	3.4
Soybeans	.74	1.15	.91	7.32	35.6
Tobacco	.16	.16	.12	1.39	-0.7
Wheat	.48	.36	.24	6.27	15.1
TOTAL ¹	5.23	5.90	5.25	60.43	8.3

¹ Includes commodities not listed here

U.S. Crop and Livestock Prices



Indexes of Food and Agricultural Prices

	Level			Growth ¹	
	IV/96	III/96	IV/95	III/96-IV/96	IV/95-IV/96
Prices received by U.S. farmers²	111	117	106	-19.0	4.4
Prices received by District farmers³					
Arkansas	139	143	133	-10.8	4.3
Illinois	122	144	114	-48.0	7.0
Indiana	116	145	115	-58.2	1.5
Missouri	108	119	106	-33.0	1.6
Tennessee	137	143	131	-15.0	4.6
Prices paid by U.S. farmers					
Production items	114	116	111	-6.7	2.7
Other items	115	115	111	0.0	3.3
Consumer food prices	156	154	150	4.7	4.2
Consumer nonfood prices	159	158	154	3.2	3.0

¹ Compounded annual rates of change are computed from unrounded data.

² Index of prices received for all farm products and prices paid (1990-92=100)

³ Indexes for Kentucky and Mississippi are unavailable.

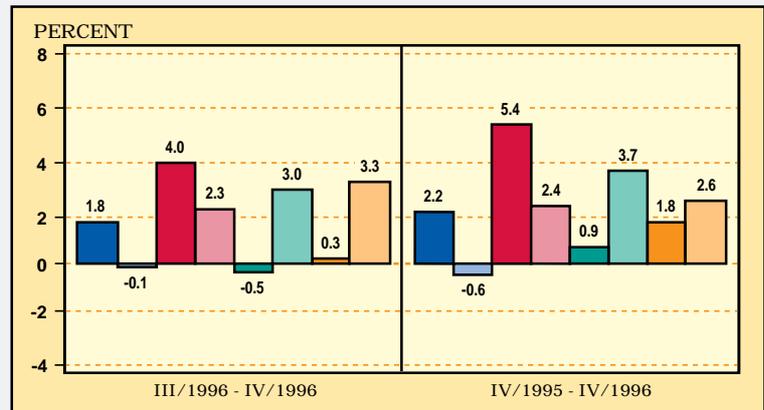
Note: Data are not seasonally adjusted except for consumer food prices and nonfood prices.

Selected U.S. and State Business Indicators

Compounded Annual Rates of Change in Nonagricultural Employment

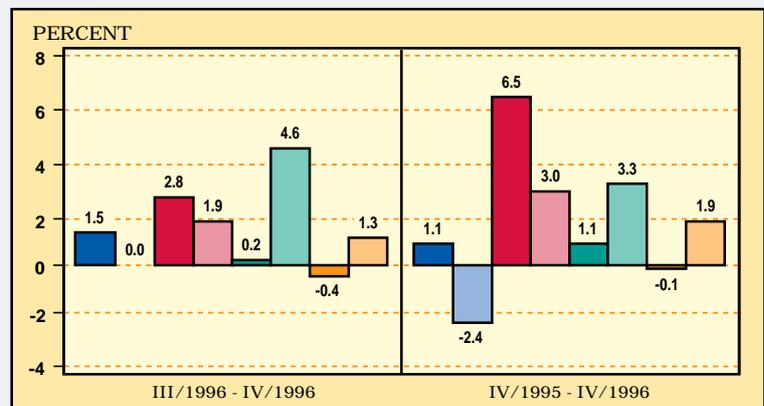
United States

	IV/1996	III/1996	IV/1995
Labor force (in thousands)	134,830	134,118	132,506
Total nonagricultural employment (in thousands)	120,509	119,958	117,928
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.3%	5.6%
	III/1996	II/1996	III/1995
Real personal income* (in billions)	\$4,115.7	\$4,087.7	\$4,008.8



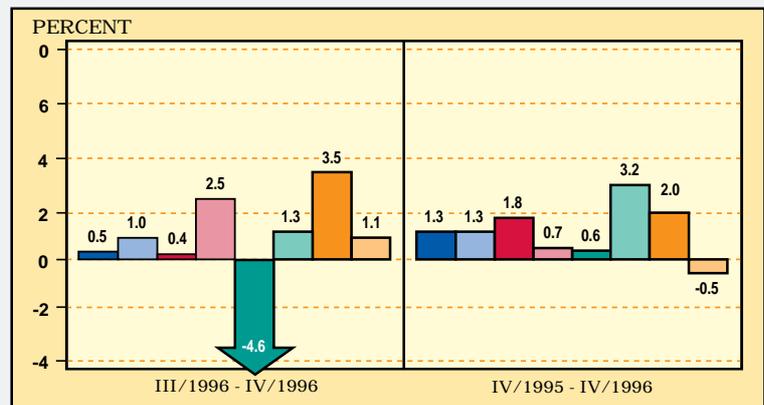
Arkansas

	IV/1996	III/1996	IV/1995
Labor force (in thousands)	1,244.1	1,245.9	1,228.2
Total nonagricultural employment (in thousands)	1,090.8	1,086.7	1,078.4
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.3%	4.8%
	III/1996	II/1996	III/1995
Real personal income* (in billions)	\$30.7	\$30.5	\$29.5



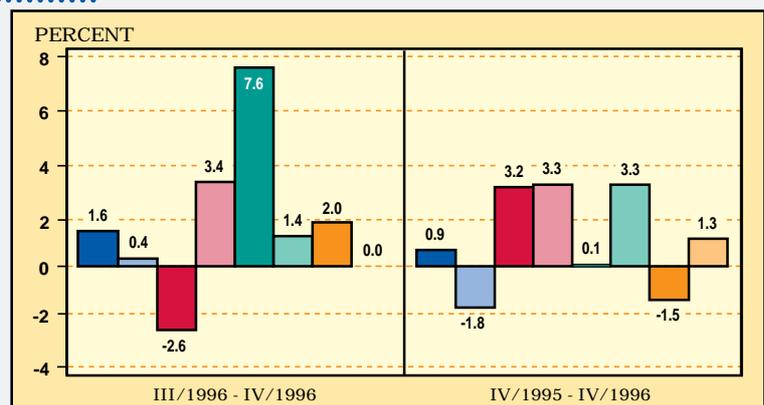
Illinois

	IV/1996	III/1996	IV/1995
Labor force (in thousands)	6,133.7	6,155.2	6,109.8
Total nonagricultural employment (in thousands)	5,704.6	5,697.5	5,630.1
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.4%	5.2%
	III/1996	II/1996	III/1995
Real personal income* (in billions)	\$200.4	\$199.2	\$195.9



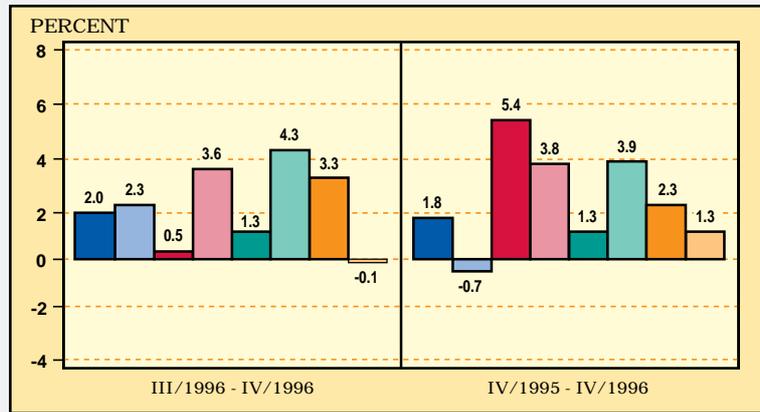
Indiana

	IV/1996	III/1996	IV/1995
Labor force (in thousands)	3,067.6	3,093.1	3,131.2
Total nonagricultural employment (in thousands)	2,826.7	2,815.4	2,801.8
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.2%	4.6%
	III/1996	II/1996	III/1995
Real personal income* (in billions)	\$83.1	\$83.0	\$81.7



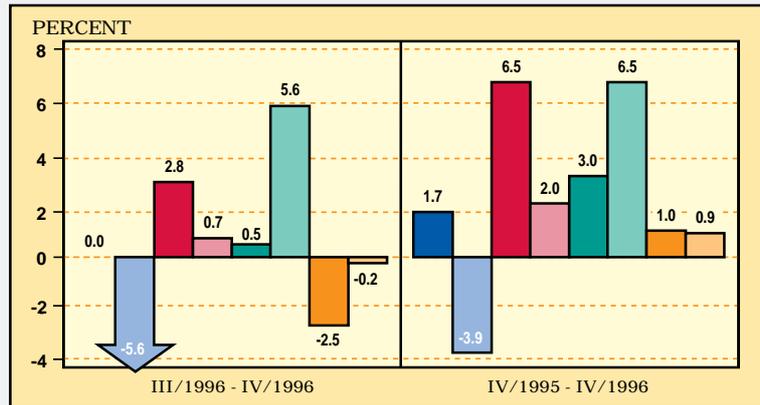
Kentucky

	IV/1996	III/1996	IV/1995
Labor force (in thousands)	1,879.8	1,861.7	1,856.8
Total nonagricultural employment (in thousands)	1,683.0	1,674.9	1,653.3
Unemployment rate	5.4%	4.7%	5.5%
	III/1996	II/1996	III/1995
Real personal income* (in billions)	\$49.5	\$48.9	\$47.7



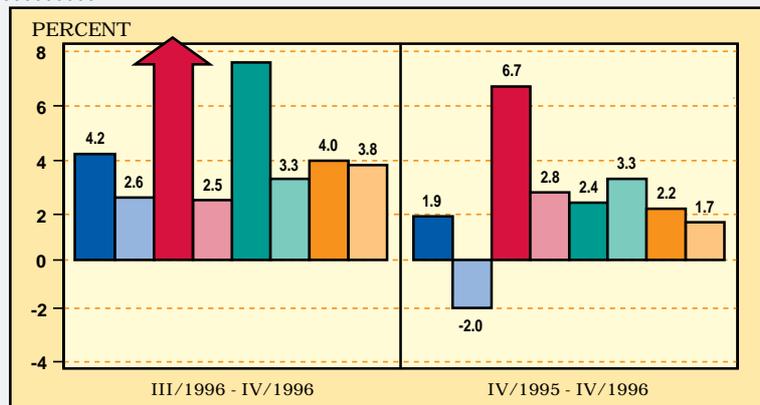
Mississippi

	IV/1996	III/1996	IV/1995
Labor force (in thousands)	1,263.9	1,263.5	1,262.6
Total nonagricultural employment (in thousands)	1,095.8	1,095.8	1,077.2
Unemployment rate	5.8%	5.8%	6.2%
	III/1996	II/1996	III/1995
Real personal income* (in billions)	\$30.2	\$30.1	\$29.6



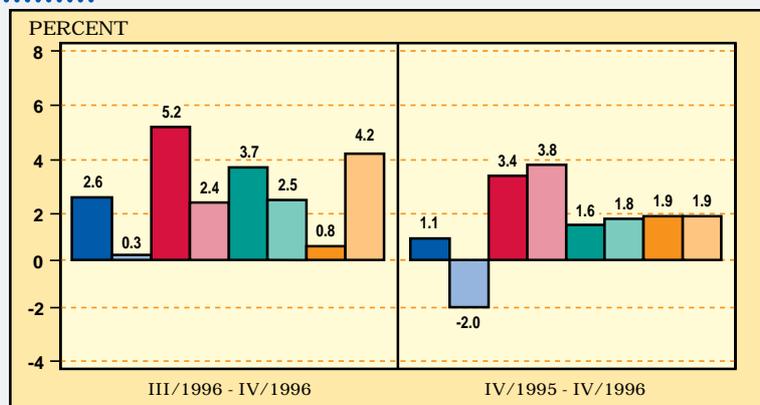
Missouri

	IV/1996	III/1996	IV/1995
Labor force (in thousands)	2,908.6	2,851.5	2,850.4
Total nonagricultural employment (in thousands)	2,585.5	2,559.0	2,536.8
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.1%	4.2%
	III/1996	II/1996	III/1995
Real personal income* (in billions)	\$77.9	\$77.7	\$76.4



Tennessee

	IV/1996	III/1996	IV/1995
Labor force (in thousands)	2,773.0	2,756.2	2,733.3
Total nonagricultural employment (in thousands)	2,549.9	2,533.5	2,521.2
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.6%	5.5%
	III/1996	II/1996	III/1995
Real personal income* (in billions)	\$74.0	\$73.5	\$72.7



Note: All data are seasonally adjusted. The nonagricultural employment data reflect the 1996 benchmark revision.
* Annual rate. Data deflated by CPI, 1982-84=100